Lovely Strange Dark
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"THOUGHT BOY"
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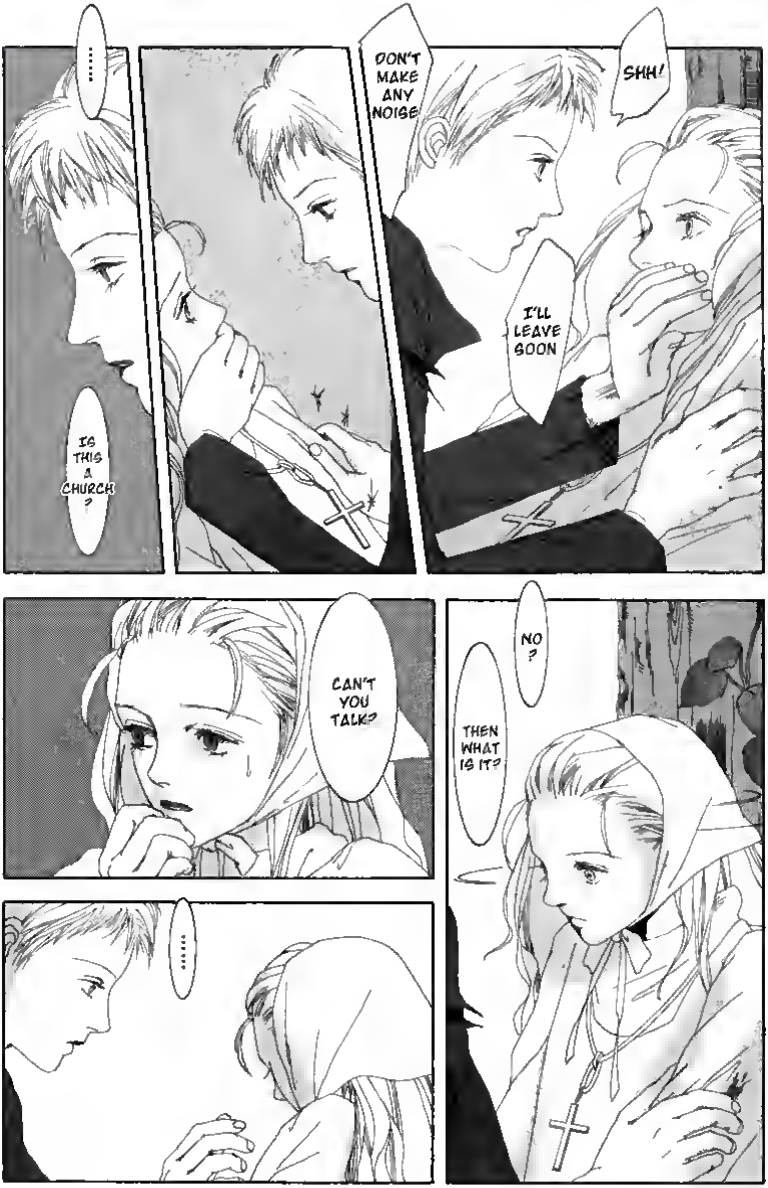
WE LOST HIM...
SHIT.
HUFF
...
SLAM
PANTS
RUSTLE
STEP
STEP
...

WAH!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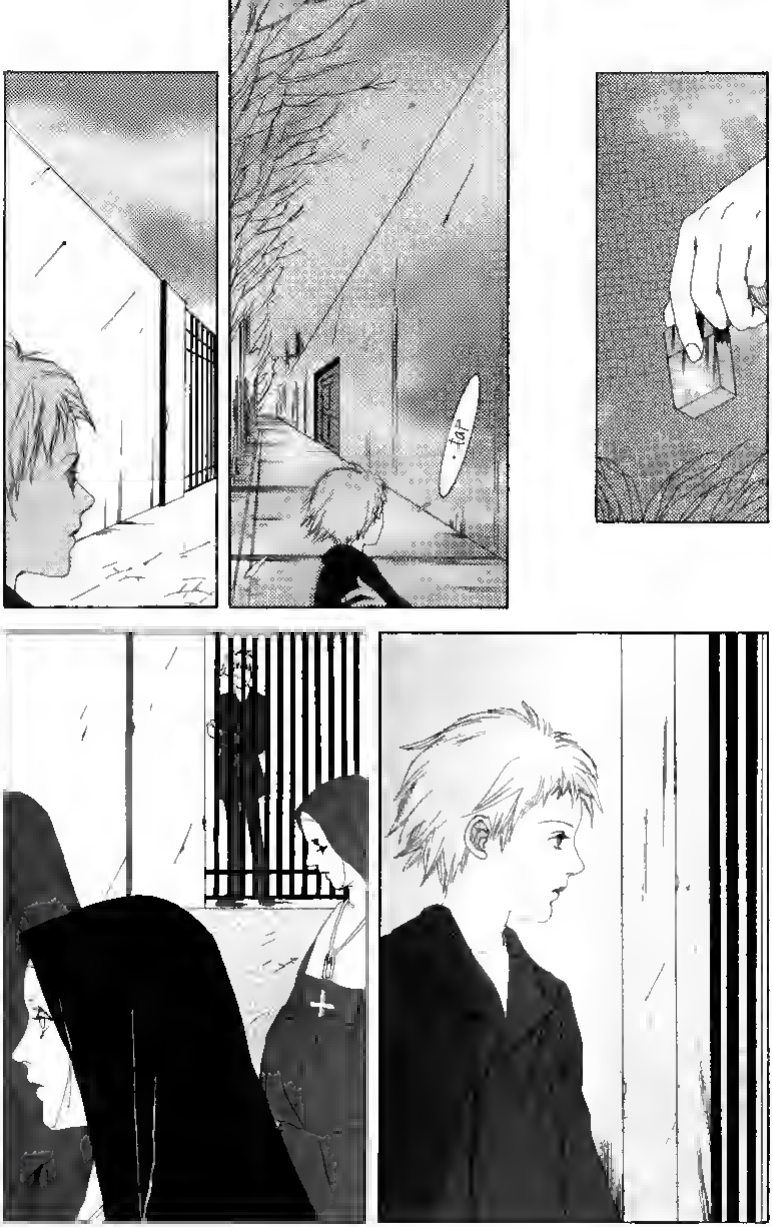
IS THIS A CHURCH?
DON'T MAKE ANY NOISE
SHH!
I'LL LEAVE SOON
CAN'T YOU TALK?
NO?
THEN WHAT IS IT?
.....

IT WAS JUST A STUPID FIGHT, BUT I WAS OUTNUMBERED...
BUT THIS PLACE SAVED ME.
I'M SORRY
...CREAK
...THUMP
MP
SWISH
He's...
injured?
!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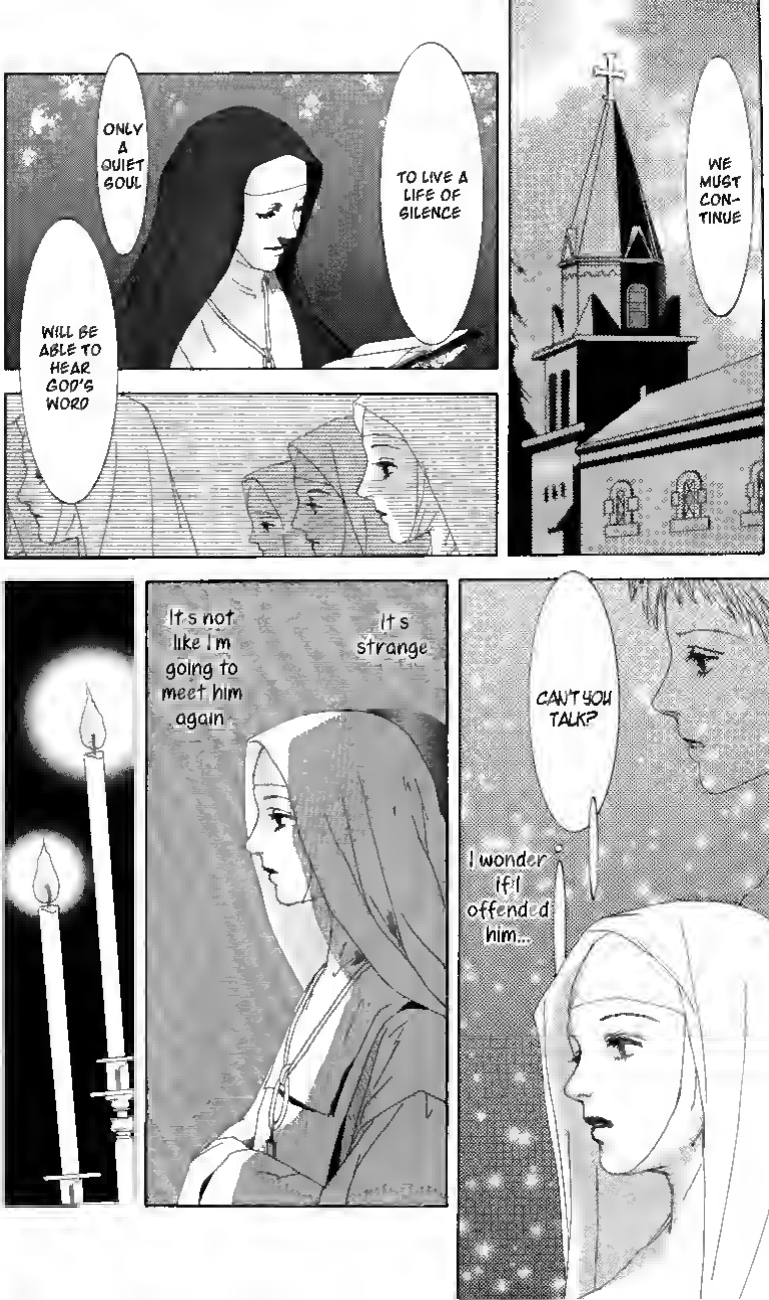
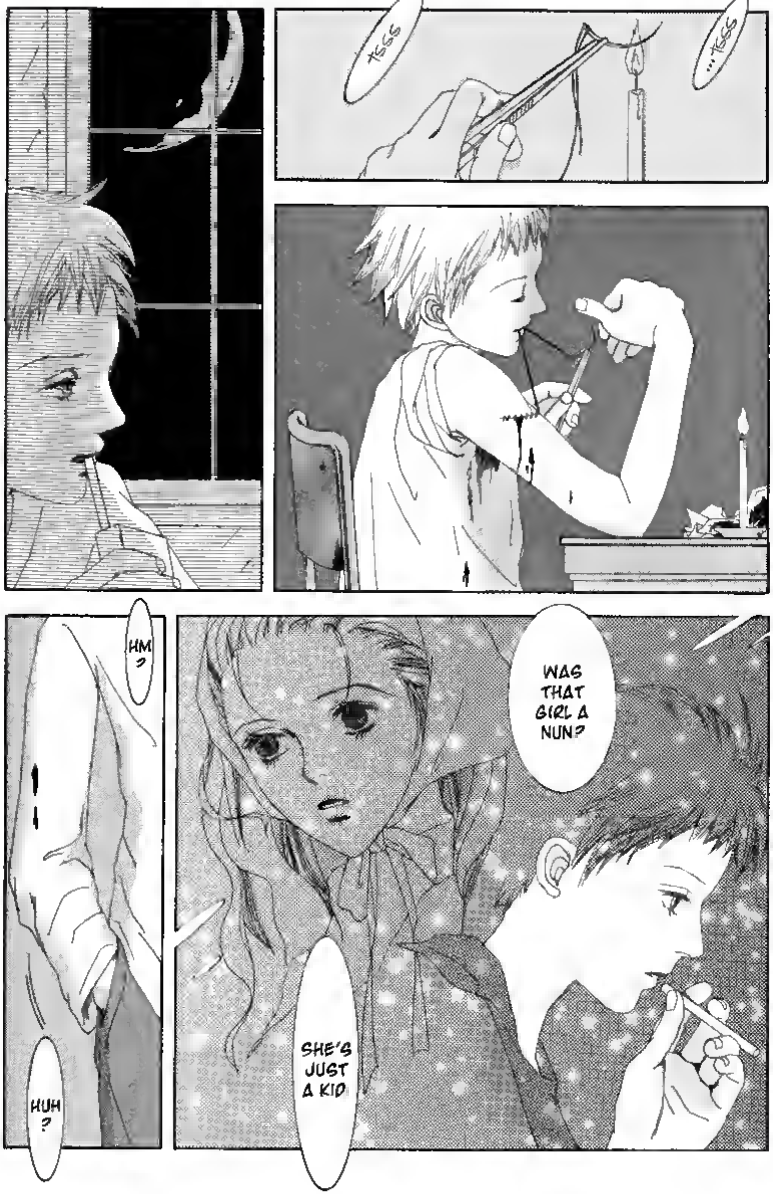
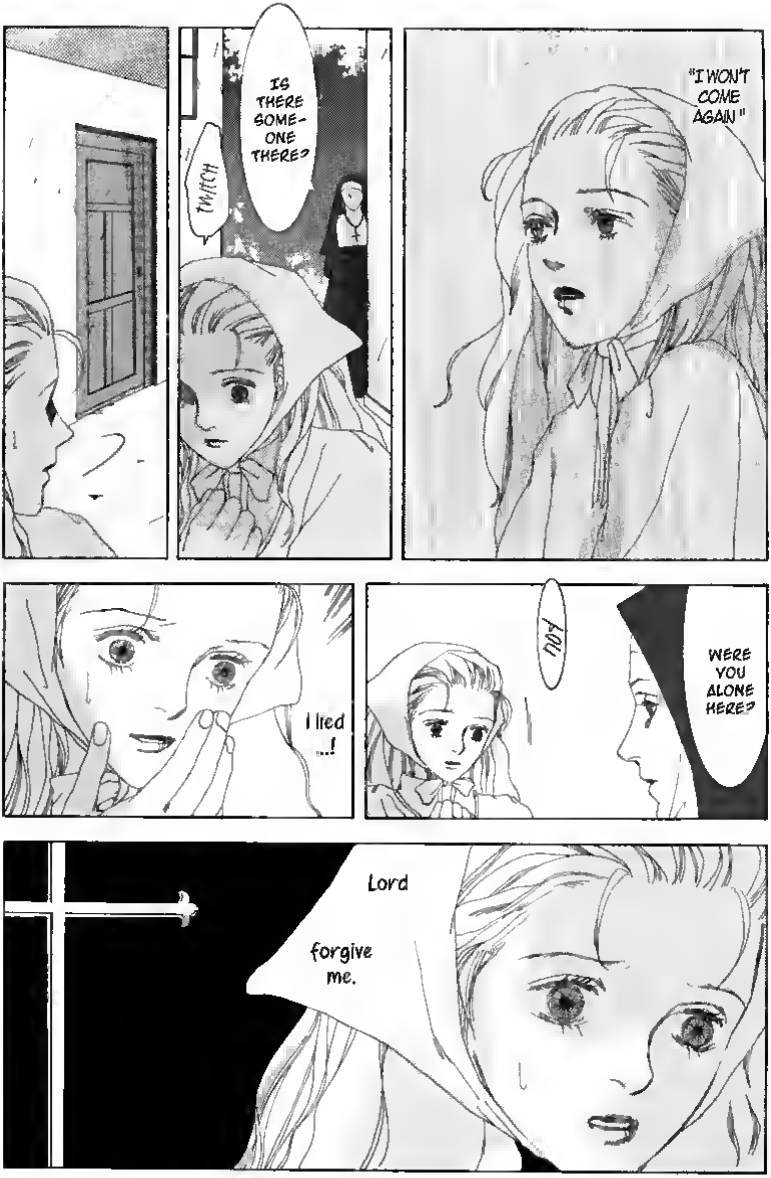

WE MUST CONTINUE
TO LIVE A LIFE OF SILENCE
ONLY A QUIET SOUL
WILL BE ABLE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD
I wonder if I offended him...
CAN'T YOU TALK?
It's strange
It's not like I'm going to meet him again

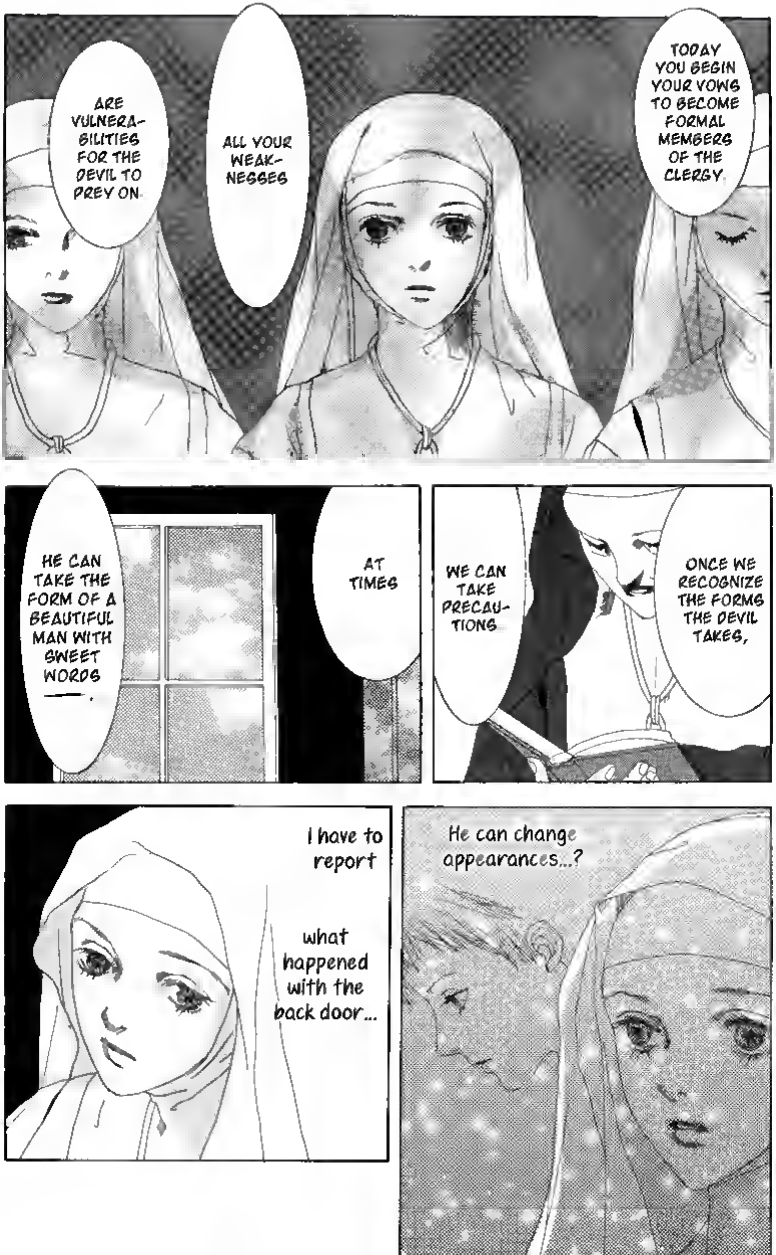

TSSS
...TSSS
HM?
!
HUH?
WAS THAT GIRL A NUN?
SHE'S JUST A KID

CLICK
CLICK
CREAK
CLUNK

.....
AH,
UMM
DON'T WORRY, I WON'T COME AGAIN.
BUT IF YOU HATE OUTSIDERS SO MUCH, WHY DON'T YOU FIX THE LOCK ON YOUR BACK DOOR?
YOU ALSO DON'T GO NEAR THEM?
SO NOT ONLY DO NUNS NOT TALK TO OUTSIDERS,

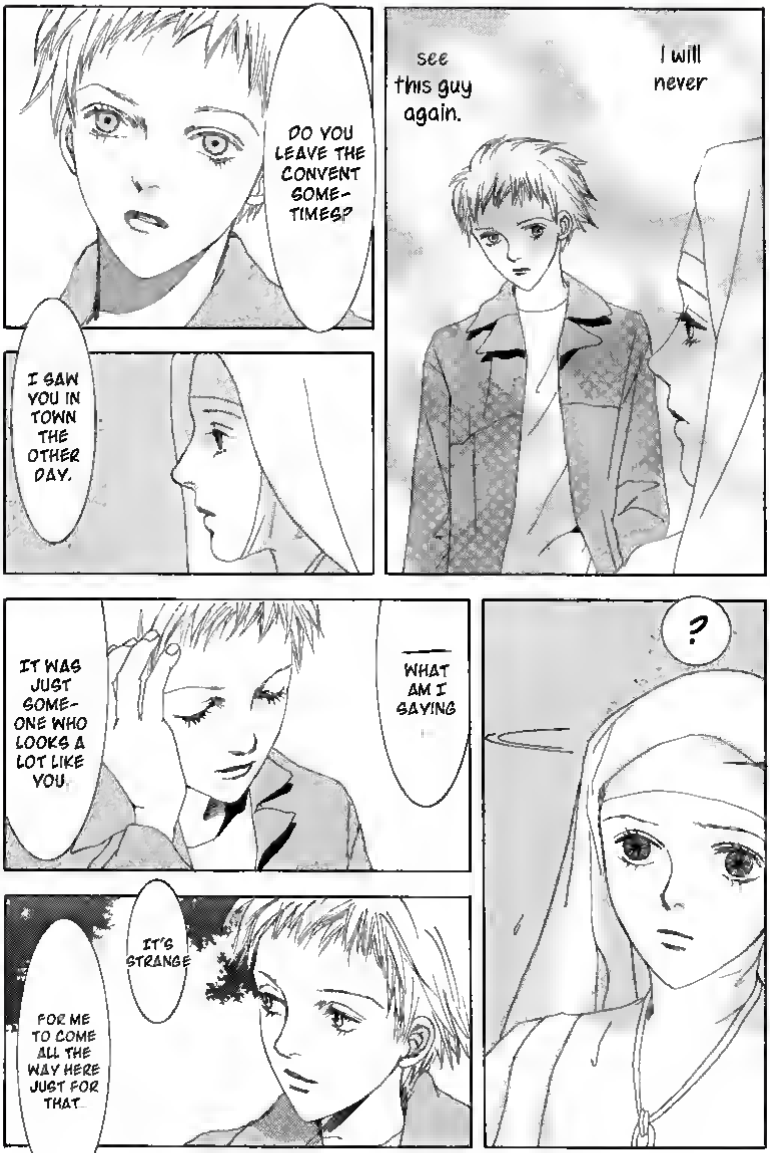

IS THERE SOME-ONE THERE?
TWITCH
"I WON'T COME AGAIN"
I lied ...!
NO!
WERE YOU ALONE HERE?
Lord
forgive me.

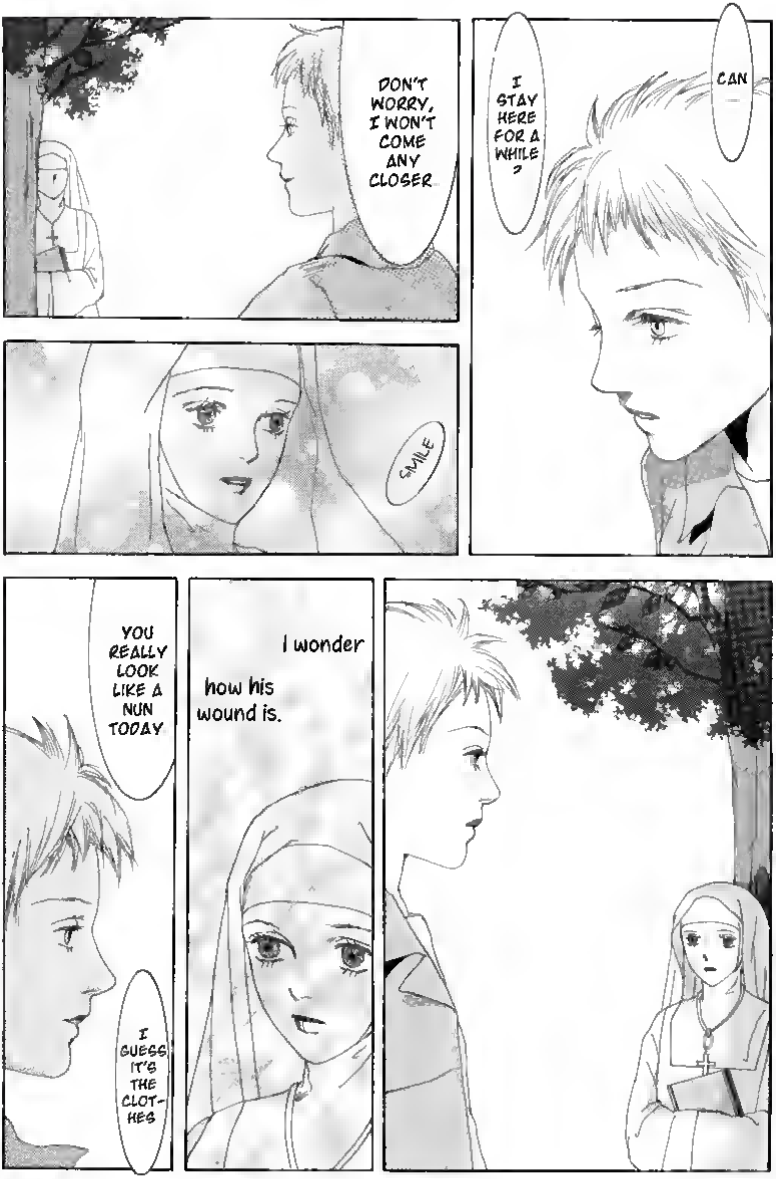
HUH
YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF THAT CONVENT?
DON'T TOUCH MY ARM
WHAT, YOU AREN'T FROM AROUND HERE?
SO IS IT A WELL-KNOWN CONVENT?
WELL, IT'S OLD
IT'S BEEN THERE SINCE THE MIDDLE AGES
THERE WAS A REALLY YOUNG GIRL THERE.
MAYBE SHE WAS A NOVICE NUN WHO HASN'T BEEN ORDAINED YET
A NOVICE
AH,
THAT'S STILL A NUN, RIGHT?
A NOVICE ISN'T REALLY A NUN YET

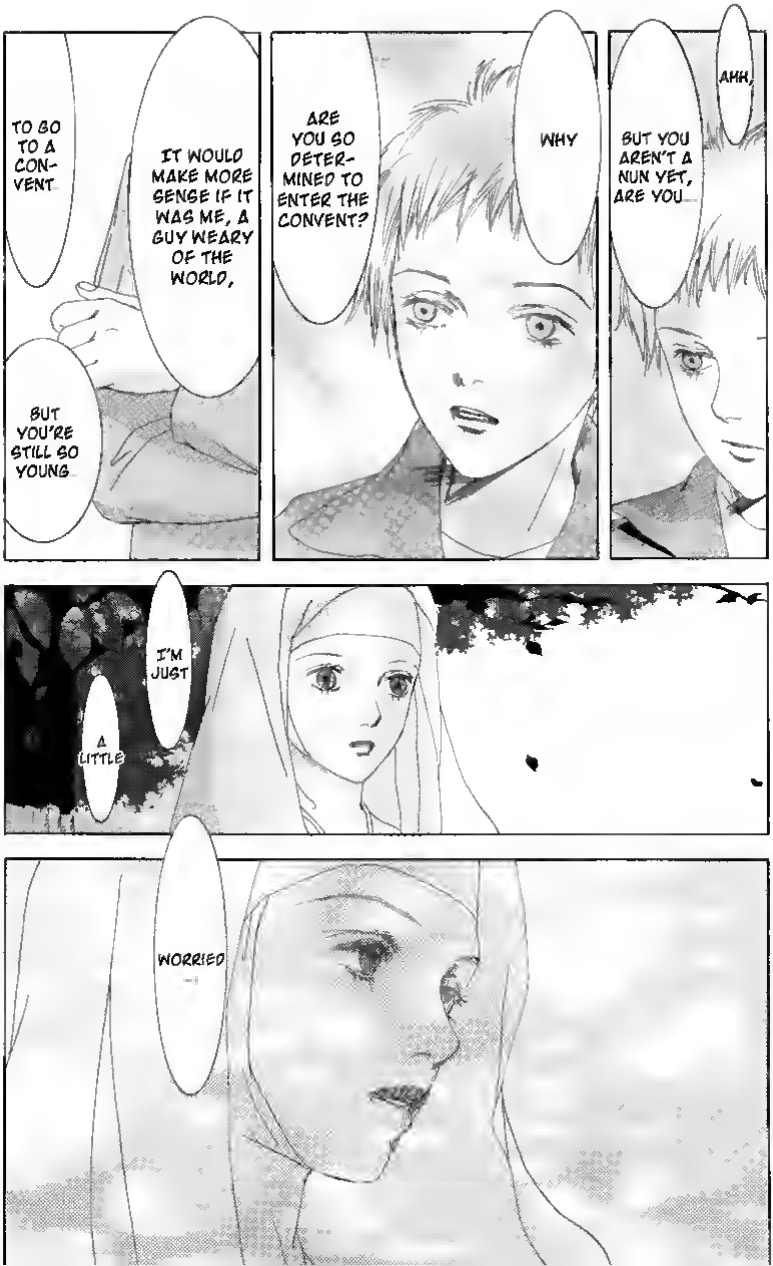

TODAY YOU BEGIN YOUR VOWS TO BECOME FORMAL MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY.
ALL YOUR WEAK-NESSES
ARE VULNERA-BILITIES FOR THE DEVIL TO PREY ON.
ONCE WE RECOGNIZE THE FORMS THE DEVIL TAKES,
WE CAN TAKE PRECAU-TIONS
AT TIMES
HE CAN TAKE THE FORM OF A BEAUTIFUL MAN WITH SWEET WORDS —.
He can change appearances...?
I have to report
what happened with the back door...

IS THAT HER?!
NAH.
IT DOES LOOK LIKE HER, THOUGH.
IT'S BOTHERING ME..
WHY IS IT BOTHERING ME THIS MUCH...

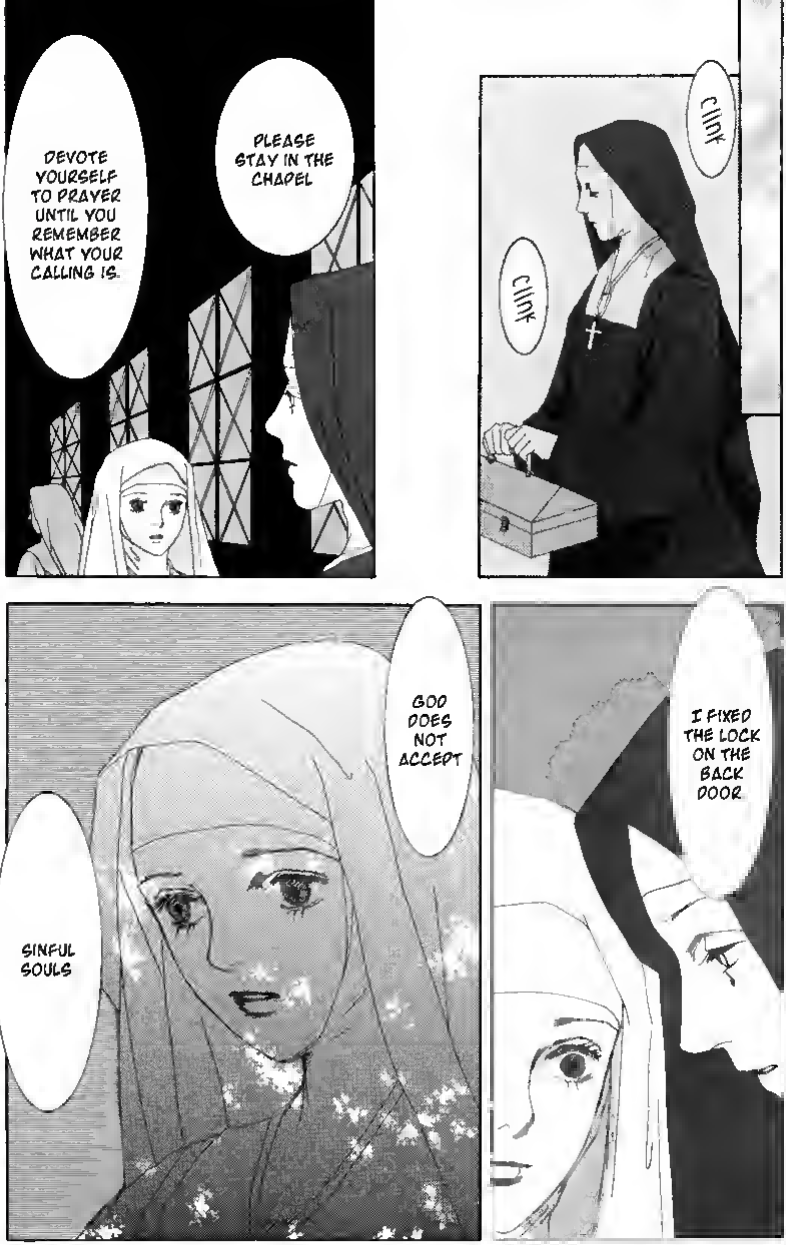
...CREAK
CREEE
THE LOCK
IS STILL BROKEN
AREN'T YOU BEING CARE-LESS?
But,
but,
if I get it fixed

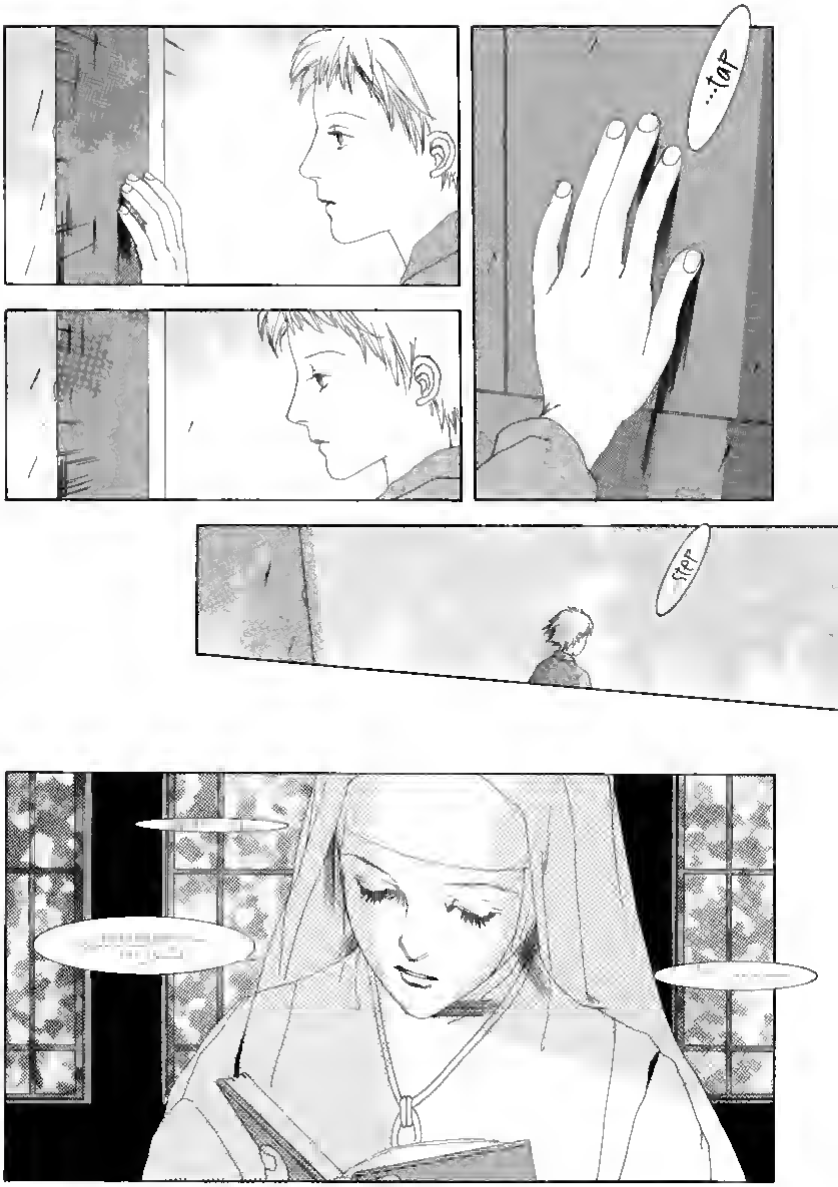

DO YOU LEAVE THE CONVENT SOMETIMES?
I SAW YOU IN TOWN THE OTHER DAY.
I will never see this guy again.
IT WAS JUST SOMEONE WHO LOOKS A LOT LIKE YOU.
WHAT AM I SAYING
?
IT'S STRANGE
FOR ME TO COME ALL THE WAY HERE JUST FOR THAT.

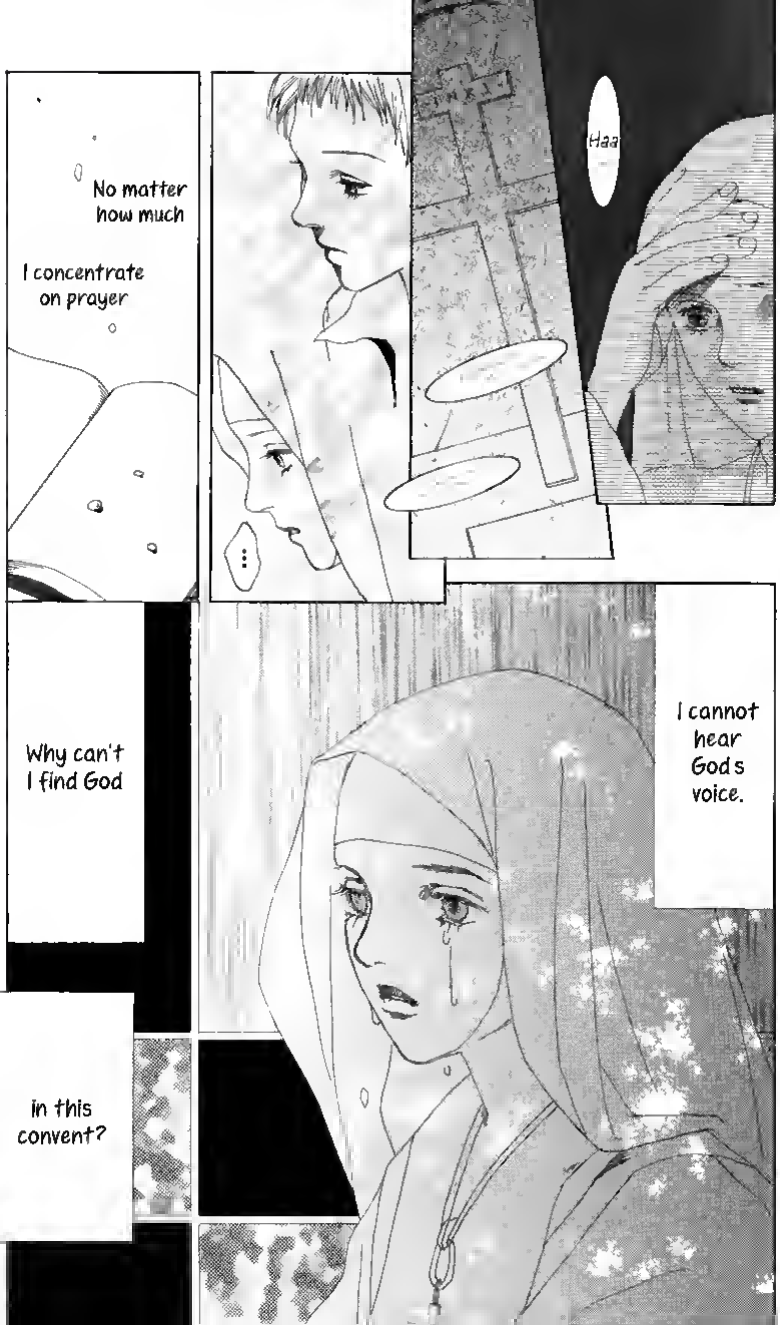

DON'T WORRY, I WON'T COME ANY CLOSER
CAN I STAY HERE FOR A WHILE?
SMILE
YOU REALLY LOOK LIKE A NUN TODAY
I GUESS IT'S THE CLOTHES
I wonder how his wound is.


AHH,
BUT YOU AREN'T A NUN YET, ARE YOU
WHY
ARE YOU SO DETER-MINED TO ENTER THE CONVENT?
IT WOULD MAKE MORE SENSE IF IT WAS ME, A GUY WEARY OF THE WORLD,
TO GO TO A CON-VENT
BUT YOU'RE STILL SO YOUNG
I'M JUST
A LITTLE
WORRIED

DONG
DING
.....
I'LL NEVER GET YOU TO TALK, HUH?
THEN I'LL JUST TALK BY MYSELF
ARE YOU GOING ?
OK
BYE

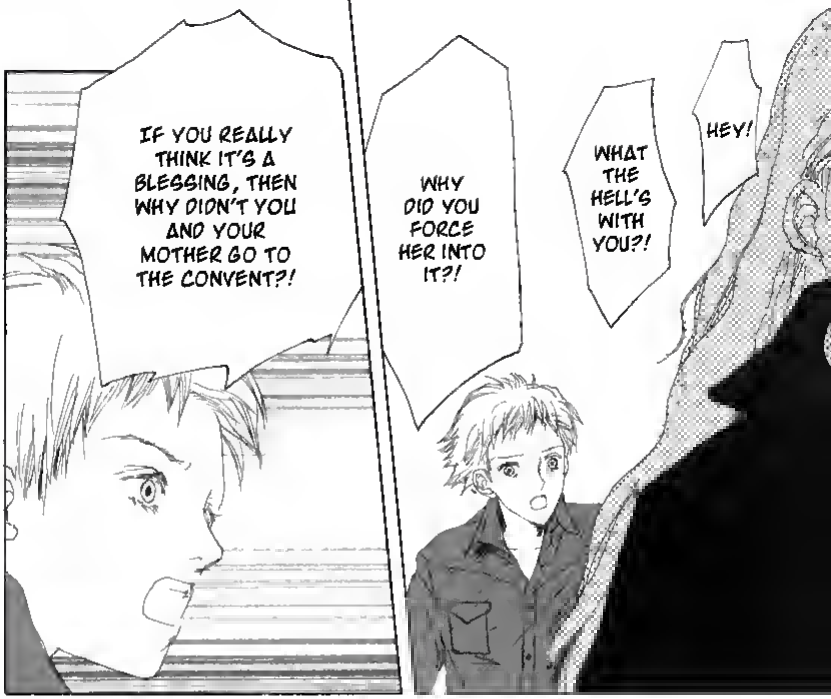

PLEASE STAY IN THE CHAPEL
DEVOTE YOURSELF TO PRAYER UNTIL YOU REMEMBER WHAT YOUR CALLING IS.
CLINK
CLINK
GOD DOES NOT ACCEPT
SINFUL SOULS
I FIXED THE LOCK ON THE BACK DOOR

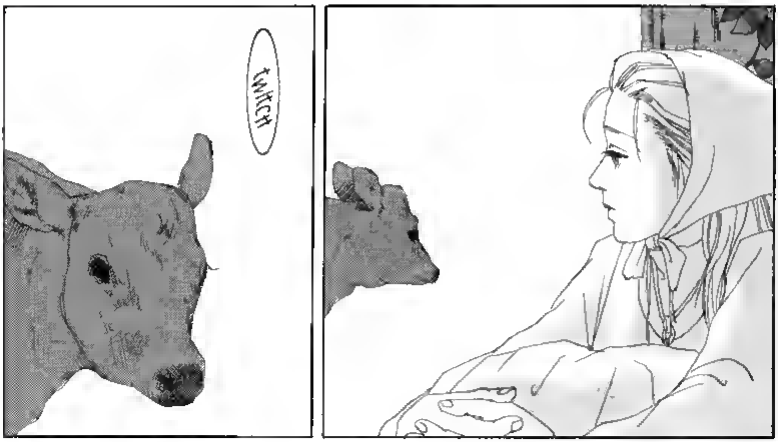

...tap
step

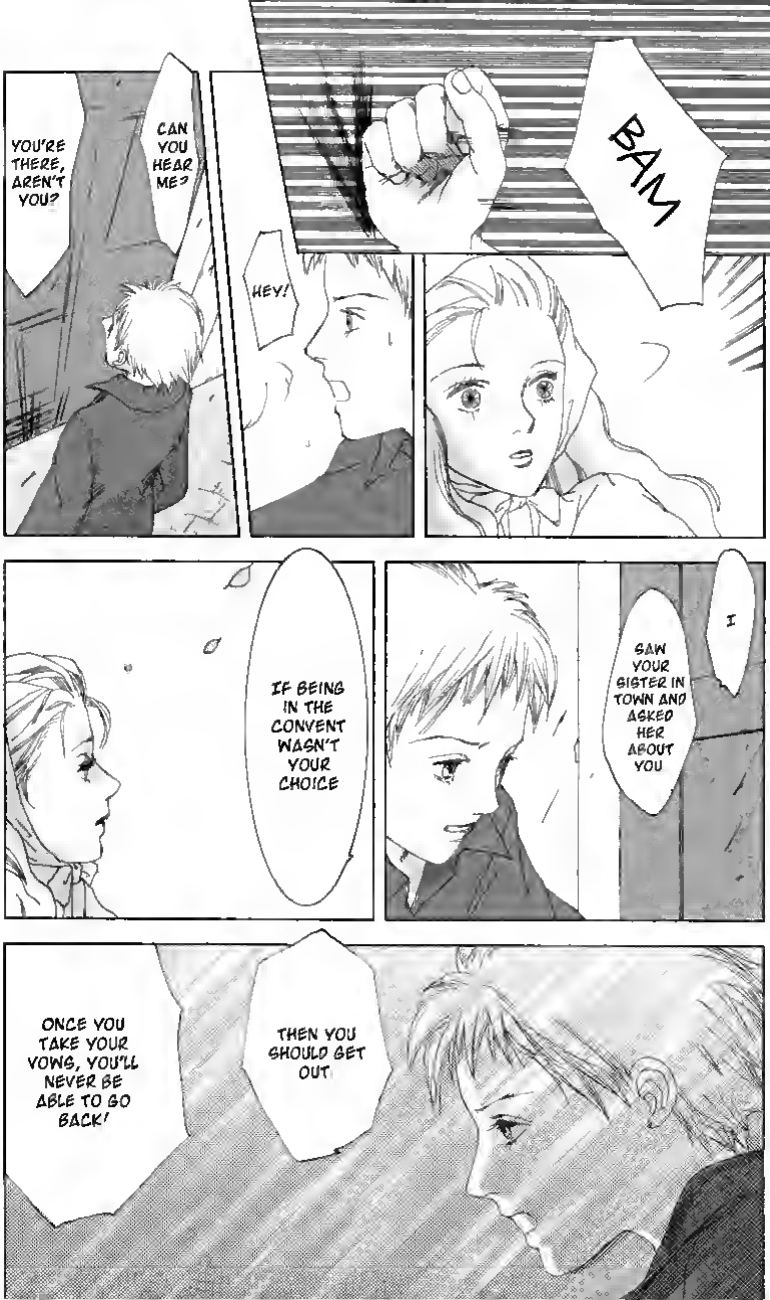

No matter how much
I concentrate on prayer
Haa
Why can't I find God
in this convent?
I cannot hear God's voice.

WHY ARE YOU OUTSIDE? WHAT ABOUT THE CONVENT?
I WASN'T WRONG.
AH?!
YOU !!
YOUR SISTER ?!
YES, BUT WE HAVE DIFFERENT MOTHERS
YOU'RE MISTAKING ME FOR MY BIG SISTER
OH
CON
IS THAT SO?
SHE LOOKS A LOT YOUNGER
.....

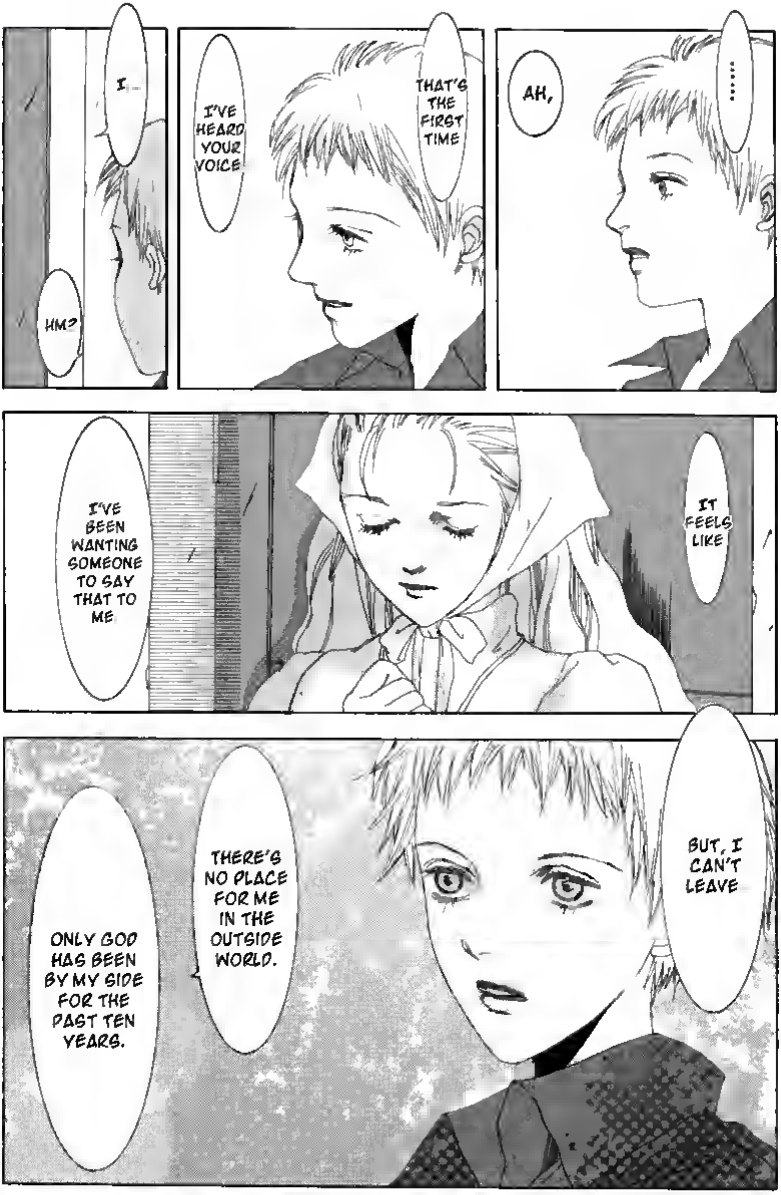
I HAVEN'T SEEN HER SINCE
SHE WAS 8
WHEN OUR DAD DIED,
SHE WAS TAKEN TO THE CONVENT
SHE'S GOING TO BE A HOLY BRIDE OF CHRIST
BUT DON'T TELL HER ANYTHING WEIRD, OKAY?
THERE'S NO GREATER BLISS FOR A WOMAN, IS THERE?
.....
IT'S TRUE THAT SHE NEVER REALLY GOT ALONG WITH US
YOU WERE GETTING RID OF A NUISANCE
SOUNDS LIKE

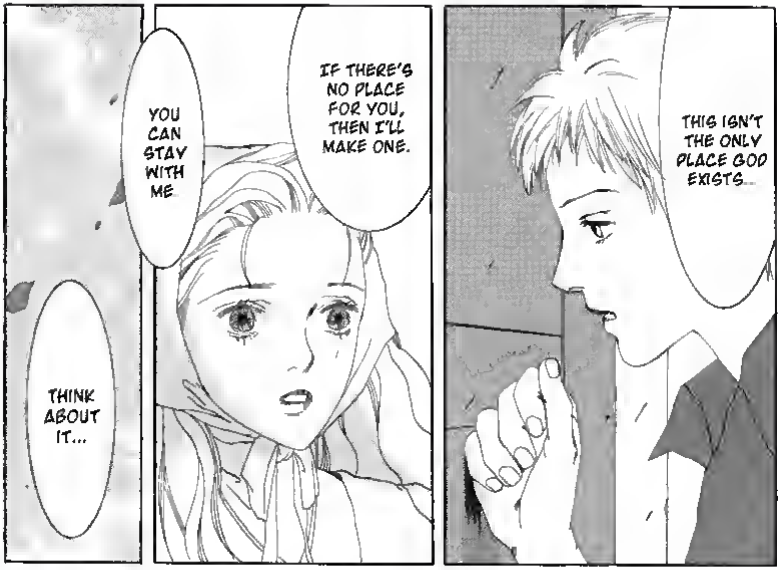

IF YOU REALLY THINK IT'S A BLESSING, THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU AND YOUR MOTHER GO TO THE CONVENT?!
WHY DID YOU FORCE HER INTO IT?!
WHAT THE HELL'S WITH YOU?!
HEY!

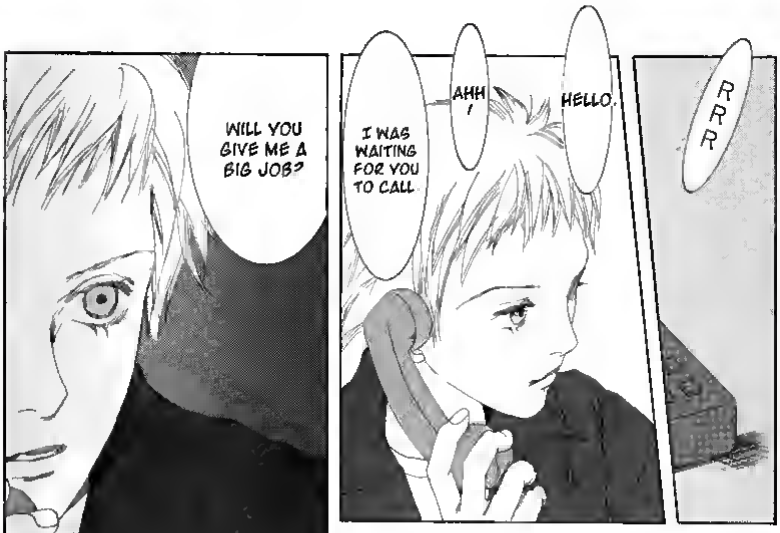

TWITCH


YOU'RE THERE, AREN'T YOU?
CAN YOU HEAR ME?
HEY!
BAM
IF BEING IN THE CONVENT WASN'T YOUR CHOICE
I SAW YOUR SISTER IN TOWN AND ASKED HER ABOUT YOU
ONCE YOU TAKE YOUR VOWS, YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO GO BACK!
THEN YOU SHOULD GET OUT

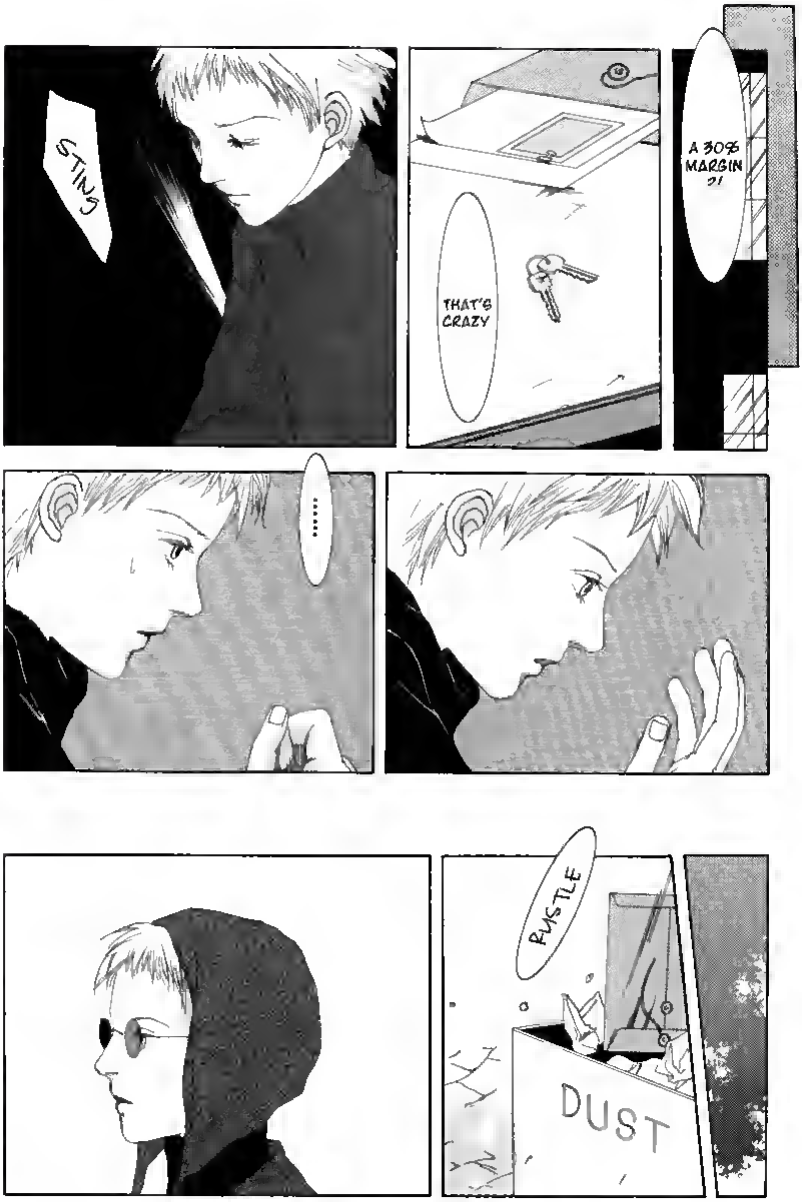
AND I GOT SWEPT UP WITH THE PEOPLE AROUND ME...
I WAS SO YOUNG,
I WAS SURROUNDED BY PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T MIND DOING TERRIBLE THINGS
I COULDN'T EITHER
I KNOW YOU CAN'T CHOOSE YOUR CHILDHOOD
NOW IT'S INESCAPABLE...
HE HE
NO ONE TAUGHT ME THAT IT WAS WRONG...
...IT'S GOING TO BE OK
IT...
EVERYTHING SHOULD BE FINE...
IF YOU START LIVING AN HONEST LIFE NOW,


I...
HM?
I'VE HEARD YOUR VOICE
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME
AH,
.....
I'VE BEEN WANTING SOMEONE TO SAY THAT TO ME
IT FEELS LIKE
ONLY GOD HAS BEEN BY MY SIDE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS.
THERE'S NO PLACE FOR ME IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD.
BUT, I CAN'T LEAVE

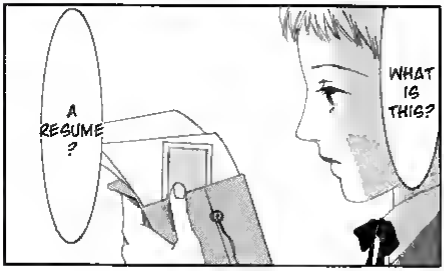

THINK ABOUT IT...
YOU CAN STAY WITH ME
IF THERE'S NO PLACE FOR YOU, THEN I'LL MAKE ONE.
THIS ISN'T THE ONLY PLACE GOD EXISTS...

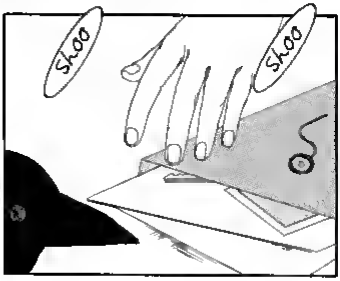

WILL YOU GIVE ME A BIG JOB?
I WAS WAITING FOR YOU TO CALL
AHH!
HELLO.
RRR

IT'S JUST SOME LOVER'S QUARREL
THEY'RE MAKING A SCENE
SIP
THE MARGIN IS 30% GOOD LUCK
THIS IS AN A RANK HITMAN BOUNTY


STING
THAT'S CRAZY
A 30% MARGIN ?!
.....
RUSTLE
DUST

glance
DUST


A RESUME ?
WHAT IS THIS?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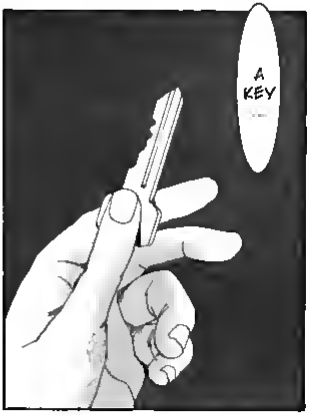
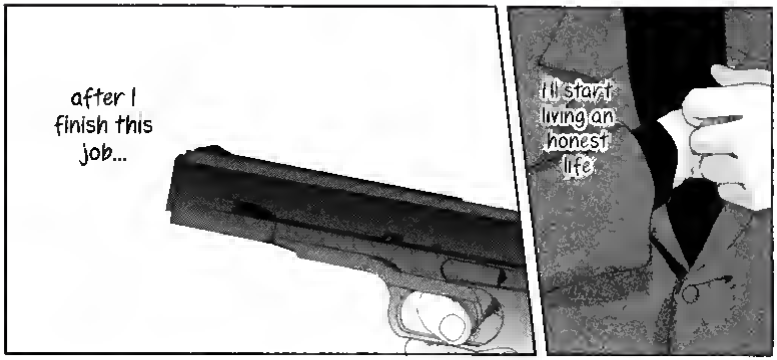
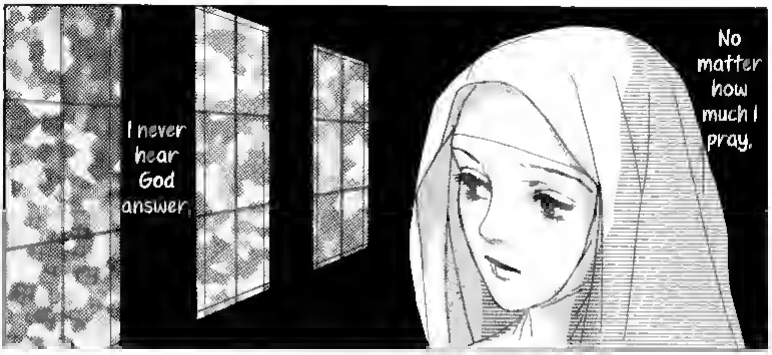

A KEY

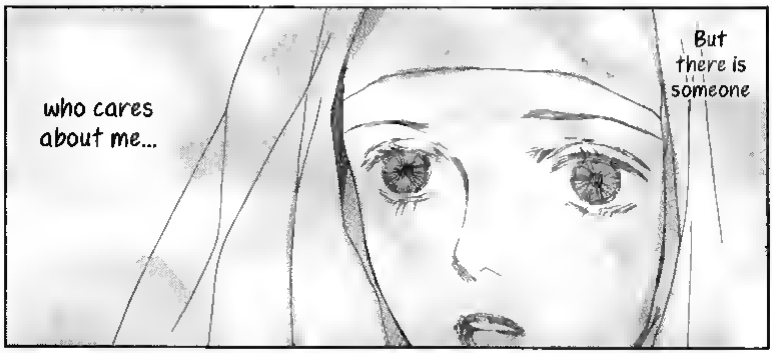
EVEN IF I MAKE A FRESH START,
I STILL NEED MONEY
...CREAK
WHO ARE YOU?
—?



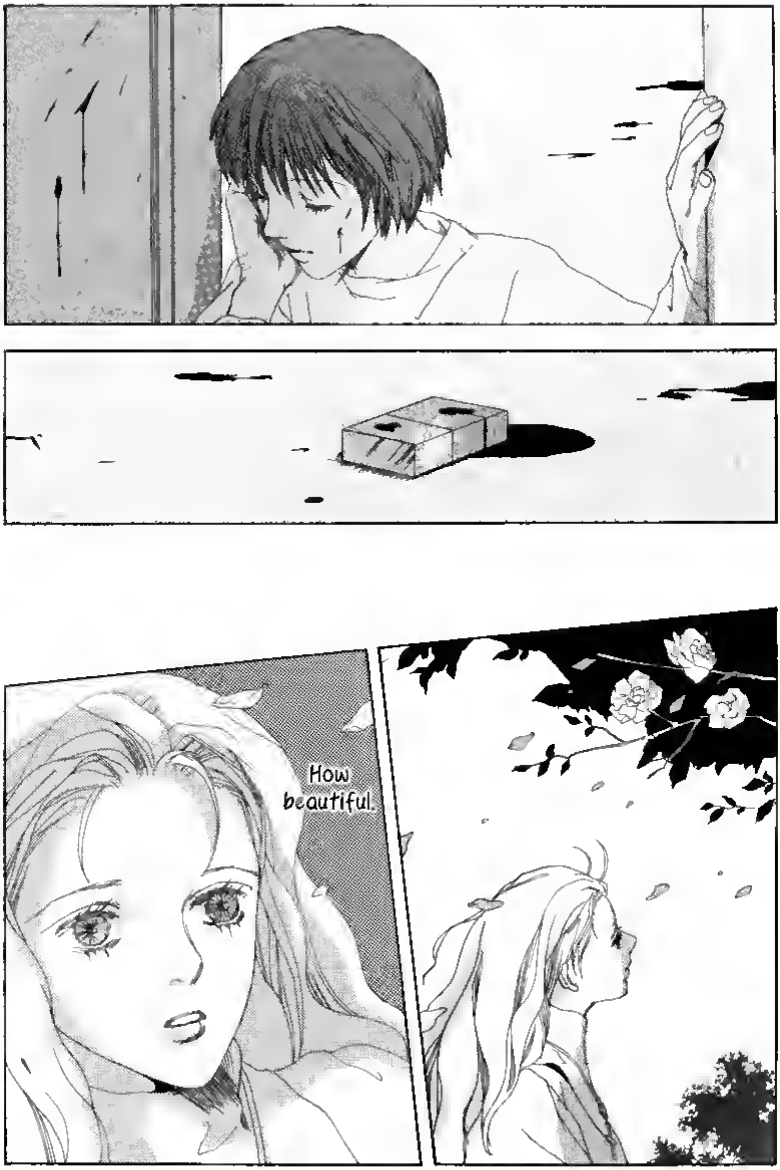
My arm feels heavy...

Something doesn't feel right.


No matter how much I pray,
I never hear God answer,


But there is someone
who cares about me...

please forgive me.
God.
CREAK..
CLINK
CLANG
CLANG
OPEN


How beautiful.

THIS IS GREAT...
IT'S JUST LIKE HE SAID.
GOD EXISTS EVEN OUTSIDE THE CONVENT...